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Claims

1. A discussion unit (6) for use in a conference system (8), wherein the discussion unit (6) is adapted to be connected to at least one second discussion unit (6) of the conference system (8), wherein the discussion unit (6) is switchable between at least two operating modes, and wherein the discussion unit (6) further comprises at least one exchangeable control (420) out of a set of controls comprising at least one control for each of the operating modes, wherein the at least one exchangeable control (420) is adapted to indicate to a user the operating mode currently used and to allow for the user to control the discussion unit (6).

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2. A discussion unit (6) according to the preceding claim, wherein the discussion unit (6) comprises means for operating at least two of the following operating modes:

- a single user delegate mode, wherein in the single user delegate mode the discussion unit (6) is a discussion unit (10) for a single delegate participating in a conference;
- a dual user delegate mode, wherein in the dual user delegate mode the discussion unit (6) is a discussion unit (10) for two delegates participating in the conference;
- a chairman mode, wherein in the chairman mode the discussion unit (6) is a chairman unit (12), adapted to control a state (60, 62, 64, 66, 68) of at least one microphone (58) of at least one discussion unit (10), preferably by switching the state (60, 62, 64, 66, 68) from a speak-state (66, 68) into a mute-state (60, 62, 64) or vice versa.

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3. A discussion unit (6) according to one of the two preceding claims, wherein the discussion unit (6) additionally comprises means for operating a single user delegate mode with auxiliary control, wherein in the single user delegate mode the discussion unit

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(6) is a discussion unit (10) for a single delegate participating in a conference, and wherein the discussion unit (10) offers to the delegate an auxiliary control option.

5 4. The discussion unit (6) according to one of the preceding claims, additionally comprising at least one exchangeable control (420) out of a set of controls comprising at least one control for each of the operating modes, wherein the at least one exchangeable control (420) is adapted to indicate to a user the operating mode currently used and to allow for the user to control the discussion unit (6).

10 5. The discussion unit (6) according to the preceding claim, wherein the exchangeable control (420) comprises at least one exchangeable push-button (418).

15 6. The discussion unit (6) according to the preceding claim, wherein the exchangeable push-button (418) comprises a split push-button (442), offering at least two separate control features.

7. The discussion unit (6) according to one of the three preceding claims, comprising at least one ejector facility (428) adapted to allow for a user to remove the at least one exchangeable control (420) from a casing (410) of the discussion unit (6).

20 8. The discussion unit (6) according to the preceding claim, wherein the ejector facility (428) comprises at least one ejector opening (430), allowing for a user to push the at least one exchangeable control (420) out of the casing (410) of the discussion unit (10).

25 9. An ejector tool (436) adapted to be used for pushing out the at least one exchangeable control (420) from the casing (410) of the discussion unit (6) according to the preceding claim.

30 10. A set comprising at least two exchangeable controls (420) according to the description given in one of the claims 4 - 8.

11. A conference system (8) comprising at least two discussion units (6) according to one of the preceding claims referring to a discussion unit (6).